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DATE: April 7, 2008
TO: Communications Providers
FROM: Ms. Harriet Miller-Brown
State of Michigan 9-1-1 Administrator
RE: 9-1-1 Surcharge changes

This letter will serve as notice as required under Michigan Law, MCL 484.1714 (g) of the 9-1-1 surcharges in Michigan that will go into effect on July 1, 2008. In summary, the surcharges apply as follows:

- 1) A monthly **statewide** 9-1-1 surcharge of .19 cents will be placed on the monthly billing of "all communications devices." (MCL 484.1401a [1]-[7] and MCL 484.1408 [1]-[3]). This surcharge is to be remitted to the Michigan Department of Treasury.
- 2) A monthly **local (county-based)** 9-1-1 surcharge that will be determined locally (county level) will be placed on the monthly billing of "all communications devices." (MCL 484.1401b [1]-[12]). The county 9-1-1 surcharges have been approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) as required under MCL 484.1401e. (Further information and the listing of the MPSC-approved charges will follow later in this correspondence).
- 3) A monthly county-based technical surcharge is collected by local exchange providers (landline) as set out in MCL 484.1401d (1)-(5).
- 4) A monthly **statewide prepaid** surcharge of .85 cents will be collected from prepaid services. The surcharge is determined by adding the statewide weighted average local 9-1-1 surcharge of .66 cents (# 2 above) and the statewide 9-1-1 surcharge of .19 cents (# 1 above). (MCL 484.1401c [1]-[6]). This surcharge is to be remitted to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Additional details can be found in the summary memo dated December 28, 2007 posted under "Legislative Activity" on the Emergency Telephone Service Committee (ETSC) web site at: www.michigan.gov/msp-etsc.

The state-based surcharges (monthly .19 cent "all device" and prepaid .85 cent surcharges) are due to Treasury within 30 days of the close of each quarter. Treasury will be issuing a form for remittance and it will be made available to providers as soon as possible. If you have questions prior to that, please contact Ms. Evah Cole at the Michigan Department of Treasury at (517) 373-2697.

The county-based surcharge is also to be remitted on a quarterly basis to each individual county with a local 9-1-1 surcharge. A listing of the counties' remittance addresses, contact person for remittance, and contact person for geographical questions for each county collecting local 9-1-1 surcharge is enclosed as **Attachment A** in this correspondence. Each county listed has indicated whether or not it is interested in electronic transmittal of the funds. It is the responsibility of each provider that wishes to make its transmittal electronically to initiate contact with the indicated party. The listing of the MPSC-approved for each county's 9-1-1 surcharge is included on **Attachment A** in this correspondence. The full order of Commission can be found at the MPSC's E-docket web site at: www.michigan.gov/mpscedockets using Case # U-15489.

Communications providers may retain 2% of the 9-1-1 surcharges for billing and collection costs. (MCL 484.1401b [9] and MCL 484.1408 [2]).

If you have any questions about the surcharges, please contact Ms. Harriet Miller-Brown at the State of Michigan 9-1-1 Office via e-mail at millerhr@michigan.gov.

Cc: Sheriff Dale Gribler, Chair, ETSC
Ms. Evah Cole, Michigan Department of Treasury
Ms. Robin Ancona, Michigan Public Service Commission

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